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NITRO UPDATE

OREGON, MO., FELON PLEADS GUILTY TO ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF AMMUNITION

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that an Oregon, Mo., man pleaded guilty in federal court today to illegal possession of ammunition. Today's conviction, Graves said, is the result of work completed by the NITRO Task Force.

Kirby G. David, 41, of Oregon, pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Fernando J. Gaitan, Jr., this morning to being a felon in possession of ammunition.

By pleading guilty, **David** admitted that he was in possession of 843 rounds of ammunition on Oct. 18, 2002. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **David** has four previous criminal felony convictions ranging from 1985 to 1989 for possession of a controlled substance, burglary, stealing and tampering with utilities.

David was originally charged in a criminal complaint filed in federal court on Oct. 18, 2002, in Kansas City. The criminal complaint was later replaced by an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on Nov. 5, 2002, in Kansas City.

Under federal statutes, Graves explained, **David** may be subject to a maximum sentence up to 10 years in federal prison without parole, plus a fine up to \$250,000. A sentencing hearing will be scheduled after the completion of a presentence investigation by the United States Probation Office.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Bruce E. Clark. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and NITRO, the Northwest Missouri Team Response Operation. NITRO is a joint

law enforcement effort by federal, state and local agencies in the 16-county region.

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